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To: Microsoft ATR

Date: 12/31/01 6:11pm

Subject: Microsoft settlement

New Year's Eve, 2001.

Your Honour(s), Ladies and Gentlemen of the District Court, and anyone else relevant:

Re: The Microsoft situation

First, for the record, I am not a Microsoft shareholder, employee, or otherwise have any interest in the Company, except that occasionally I purchase (and duly license) its products for my small business purposes.

Second, please let me be transparent and state that I believe that Microsoft has been dealt with harshly. There is ample evidence that the Company's competitors have been, and continue during this comment period, to be instigators.

Third, the Company's products are a tremendous facilitator of the small business owner, including all the interchangeability and cross-referencing between programs that can be accomplished.

Lastly, my view is that the time has come to cease all the litigation. If there is an end to this matter, after the Appeals Court ruling, then fine, regardless if one thinks it too harsh.

This country is in danger from terrorists and other economic constraints. We need all our economic, legal, and judicial power to be constructive and progressive in times like this. So let us have the settlement finalised at the end of this commentary period, let us get on with the pursuit of our true enemies, and let us rebuild from the damage of 2001. These goals will be greatly aided by getting our economy going again.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have with regard to verifying this public comment. My office (Pacific time) is (760) 930-0500 -0520(fax).

Yours very truly

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